

**MINUTES OF THE LAFAYETTE COMMON COUNCIL**  
**July 7, 2008**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

The Common Council of the City of Lafayette, Indiana met in regular session on Monday July 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 20 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Lafayette, Indiana.

President Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag of our Country.

The following members were present:

Present: Heide, Klinker, Meyer, Cornstuble, Brown, Novak, Weast-Williamson, Downing and Campbell.

The City Clerk stated that there was a quorum present.

City Clerk Cindy Murray and City Attorney Ed Chosnek were present.

Councilman Meyer moved to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2008 regular meeting. Councilman Brown seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The Clerk stated that there were no Claims, Petitions or Communications.

The Clerk stated the following reports are available in the City Clerk's Office:

Water Works Monthly – May 2008

Water Pollution Control Monthly – May 2008

Police Department Monthly-May 2008

Clerks Office Monthly-May & June 2008

Fleet Maintenance Department Monthly-May 2008

***There were no Ordinances for Second Reading:***

***Ordinances for First Reading:***

The Clerk read Ordinance 2008-17 (An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, to Rezone Certain Real Estate from R2 to NBU- Melinda Anderson, Petitioner-803 S. 18<sup>th</sup> Street) by title only on first reading and final reading. Councilman Brown moved for passage, Councilwoman Weast-Williamson seconded. Councilman Meyer was excused at 7:04 pm during discussion of Ordinance 2008-17. Joe Bumbleburg, Attorney for petitioner, spoke regarding the proposal. Mr. Bumbleburg gave a brief history of the property. Ordinance 2008-17 passed 7-0 on a roll call vote on first and final reading, Councilman Meyer returned to the meeting.

The Clerk read Ordinance 2008-18 (An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, to Rezone Certain Real Estate from R1U to I1-Robert Corbin, Petitioner-525 Wabash Avenue) by title only on first and final reading. Councilman Klinker moved for passage, Councilwoman Weast-Williamson seconded. Dan Teder, Attorney for the petitioner spoke regarding the proposal and the planned use of the property. Ordinance 2008-18 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote on first and final reading.

### ***Resolutions:***

The Clerk read Resolution 2008-08 (A Resolution approving the Agreement between the City of Lafayette, Arman Lodge #49, Fraternal Order of Police, regarding Option Agreement for Police Retirement Insurance.) by title only on first and final reading. Councilman Cornstuble moved for passage, Councilwoman Weast-Williamson seconded. Mayor Roswarski gave a brief explanation of the changes. Resolution 2008-08 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote on first and final reading.

The Clerk read Resolution 2008-09 (A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Lafayette, Indiana for the Certification of a Public Question on the November 4, 2008 General Election Ballot Regarding the Withdrawal of the Lafayette Water Utility from the Jurisdiction of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC). Councilman Brown moved for passage, Councilwoman Novak seconded. Mayor Roswarski spoke regarding Resolution 2008-09 emphasizing this will be a question on the November General Election ballot, giving the citizens a voice and a say in the direction the city takes with their water and utility services. This Resolution does not change water rates or the way Lafayette applies for water rate changes at this time. Mayor Roswarski gave a detailed explanation of the benefits of withdrawing from the IURC including streamlining government and decreasing expenses associated with new projects and rate changes. Mayor Roswarski noted with passage of this resolution, over the next several months the Mayor, Council and other City Officials will work as a team to respond and educate the citizens so they may be well informed of the benefits of allowing local government more direct control. Jenny Bonner, City Engineer, Public Works Director explained some the cost involved in applying for rate changes with the IURC which can be eliminated by opting out of the program. Mrs. Bonner noted that projects or rate changes are not made without Board of Works and Council approval. The following spoke regarding Resolution 2008-09:

Pearl Speakman -923 S.22<sup>nd</sup> Street

Perry Barbee -1714 Union Street

Terry Masterson -1115 Central Street

Ben Wissel- 2368 N.26<sup>th</sup> Street Apt.4

Resolution 2008-09 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote on first and final reading.

There were no Reports of Standing Committees.

There were no Reports of Special Committees.

Reports by Mayor: Mayor Roswarski presented the Clean Sweep trophy to the Valley Center Neighborhood Association for winning the contest during Clean Sweep. Councilman Klinker accepted the award on behalf of the neighborhood.

Miscellaneous or New Business:

Reports of Councilman: Councilman Cornstuble reported that the Transportation and Parking committee met and have recommended a Public Hearing on Wednesday, July 30, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. prior to the city council caucus meeting, regarding the Transportation Tax Levy that was requested by Citybus.

Public Comment:

Pearl Speakman spoke regarding items to be put on the ballot as a referendum.

Terry Masterson 1115 Central Street spoke regarding the Trolley levy and being able to put on the ballot as a referendum.

Ben Wissel -2368 N.26<sup>th</sup> Street Apt.4 spoke regarding Resolution 2008-09.

Earl Stanton -1013 Elizabeth Street spoke regarding Resolution, Trolley levy and Unigov.

Wick Dixon -3204 Elmwood announced the Vinton Neighborhood Associations Car show Saturday, July 12, 2008 at Market Square.

Perry Barbee -1714 Union Street thanked everyone for their work in American in the Bloom.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Meyer moved to adjourn, Councilman Klinker seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Minutes prepared by Cindy Murray, City Clerk

Complete audio of meeting available in the City Clerks office or at [www.lafayette.in.gov](http://www.lafayette.in.gov)